

PATENT
Docket No. 015916-300
Applicant: Swanson
Serial No.: 10/784,316
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Title: Cooled Probes And
Apparatus For Maintaining Contact
Between Cooled Probes And Tissue
Group Art Unit: 3739
Examiner: Rollins

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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RESPONSE TO THE ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

DATED JUNE 30, 2006

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 dated June 30, 2006, applicant provisionally elects Species I (Figures 1-8) without traverse. Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-5, 7-23, 25-41, 43 and 44 are directed to the elected species. Claims 7-17 and 26-38 are generic.

Early and favorable consideration of the application are respectfully requested. Allowance of the claims at an early date is courteously solicited. If for any reason the Examiner finds the application other than in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicant's undersigned representative at (310) 563-1458 to discuss the steps necessary for placing the application in condition for allowance.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0638. Should such

fees be associated with an extension of time, applicant respectfully requests that this paper be considered a petition therefor.

Respectfully submitted,

July 13, 2006

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